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LEBANON: NATIONAL SALVATION BODY FAILS TO MEET

[redacted] BEIRUT VOICE OF LEBANON IN ARABIC 1715 GMT 14 JUN 82

(TEXT) LEBANON IS FACE-TO-FACE WITH ITS DESTINY. THE NATIONAL SALVATION BODY WAS BORN IN THE DIFFICULT TRENCH. THIS BIRTH IS A HOPE FOR THE RESURRECTION OF LEBANON. THE BODY WAS FORMED UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC TO HELP HIM CONFRONT THE CURRENT CONDITIONS. IT CONSISTS OF PRIME MINISTER SHAFIQ AL-WAZZAN, MINISTER FU'AD BUTRUS, DEPUTY NASIR AL-MA'LUF, NABIH BIRRI, BASHIR AL-JUMAYYIL AND WALID JUNBLATT. **BECAUSE OF THE INTRANSIGENCE OF SOME SIDES, THE BODY DID NOT CONVENE AT 1500 (1300 GMT) AS SCHEDULED.**

MINISTER MARWAN HAMADAH SAID AT THE PRESIDENTIAL PALACE: UNDER THE CONDITIONS OF THE ISRAELI OCCUPATION AND BECAUSE OF OTHER FACTS AND CONSIDERATIONS, WALID JUNBLATT HAS NOT APPROVED THE SALVATION BODY IN ITS PROPOSED FORM. HE PREFERS THAT IT BE MORE COMPREHENSIVE IN THE NATIONAL, CHRISTIAN AND MUSLIM DOMAINS TO BE ABLE TO CARRY OUT ITS DUTY OF CONFRONTING THE AGGRESSION. THEREFORE, THE OFFICIALS ARE CONTINUING THEIR CONTACTS TO REACH A COMMON DENOMINATOR WHICH WOULD SECURE THE OVERCOMING OF THE NARROW CONSIDERATIONS TO ACHIEVE A SALVATION.

SA'ID HARMUN WAS CHARGED BY MINISTERS MARWAN HAMADAH AND KHALID JUNBLATT TO CONVEY A MESSAGE TO WALID JUNBLATT. HE RETURNED TO B'ABDA (PALACE--FBIS) AT APPROXIMATELY 1700 (1500 GMT) TO BE CHARGED WITH CONVEYING A NEW MESSAGE.

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